Public Involvement Plan Proposed Scope of Work - FY 2001

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Title of Proposal: Removal and control of nonnative fishes in Colorado and Gunnison River

floodplain source ponds.

Goals: This project's overall goal is to reduce the proliferation of nonnative fish species in floodplain habitats and minimize chronic escapement of nonnative fishes from perennial ponds. The public involvement plan's goals are to:

• Identify public concerns and values and provide a mechanism to incorporate public perspectives and issues into the process of reclaiming ponds.

- Inform interested communities about the reasons pond reclamation is taking place in support of efforts to recover the endangered fishes.
- Build public support for pond reclamation and provide information to, and collect input from, the public, news media, special interest groups, government and Congressional officials in a timely manner.

Strategies/Dates:

- In an effort to alleviate landowner confusion and misconceptions, an informative consent building tool (Listening Log) was implemented at the recommendation of Hans Bleiker (Institute for Participatory Management and Planning, 1997). Public involvement efforts will inform and gain public input into the process as appropriate. The log will be prepared and distributed biannually. The Recovery Program newsletter will be mailed to Listening Log participants (a list of approximately 500 landowners.)
- News releases and television spots will be prepared on an ongoing basis in cooperation with the Bureau of Reclamation to highlight work being done and progress being made.
- Articles will be prepared for Colorado Outdoors Magazine and the Recovery Program newsletter focusing on pond reclamation efforts.

Budget:

Labor	\$3,000
Travel	\$2,000
Postage (Listening Log)	\$1,000
Other (materials for public meetings, etc.)	<u>\$4,000</u>

Total \$10,000*

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